Asylum Seekers

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gion, and tried to survive on just the vegetables accompanying the meals, Teesdale said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement recently transferred four detainees to a center in Tacoma, Washington, for specialized medical care, ICE spokeswoman Clarissa Cutrell said.

The agency has no comment on the conditions in Sheridan due to pending litigation, Cutrell said.

Leland Baxter-Neal, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, called the conditions inhumane and unconstitutional

The Trump administration's decision to put the immigrants in the prison, where they mixed for three weeks with the general prison population, has caused "chaos, confusion and massive human suffering," he said.

Federal Public Defender Lisa Hay said in a letter to Warden Josaias Salazar and Acting ICE Field Office Director Elizabeth Godfrey that her office learned of an apparent suicide attempt by a detainee.

Other detainees also considered killing themselves, court documents state.

Petitions were filed Wednesday by Hay's office seeking court

hearings for five detainees, whose names were redacted because of their security concerns.

"I have to cry in my pillow," an immigrant identified as ICE detainee No. 1 said in his habeas corpus brief. "I have suicida thoughts but then I remember my family. My family is all that keep me going."

The public affairs office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons did no immediately respond to a reques for comment.

A statement filed in cour shows the prison had to scramble to take in the immigrants, who were sent there because other holding facilities used by ICE were overloaded.

The prison received only on day of notice — on May 30 — tha about 130 detainees would be an riving, Amberly Newman, an ad viser to the prison warden, said in a declaration in federal court.

She said they had to be mixed with the general prison population for the first three weeks before they could be separated into different units.

One of the detainees described guards making him and his two cellmates strip to their underwear.

"In the night, it gets so cold in the cell and when I was in boxers and T-shirt, I was terribly cold, he said, according to his habeas corpus filing.

Victoria Bejarano Muirhead of Innovation Law Lab said her Portland-based group has engaged over 80 volunteers to provide le gal services to the detainees.

Court Pick Derailed

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nnell pulled the confirmation vote just minutes before it was set to begin. Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, who supported Bounds, said the president has also withdrawn the nomination.

Bounds earlier had apologized for the controversial writings, saying they showed insensitivity to racial minorities, among other issues, describing them as "poorly worded and ill-conceived pronouncements of a youth who had much to learn about the world."

Bounds was selected by President Trump for a lifetime appointment to the court, He was born in Umatilla, Ore. and raised in nearby Hermiston. He was a member of

the conservative Federalist Society.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Majority Leader Mitch McCo- Jeff Merkley, both Democrats, had objected to the nomination and protested his confirmation in speeches on the Senate floor.

Nominees usually cannot move forward over the objection of home state senators but this year McConnell and Grassley ignored that tradition.

After Bounds' defeat, Wyden and Merkley said they would be interested in working with Republicans to find a new nominee and will consult with a state selection committee which will forward names to the White House.

Bounds issued a statement saying he was proud to have been nominated and plans to continue in his role as a federal prosecutor.

Obituary



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